

## Management Matters

This space is here for us to share information and conduct open dialogue about management matters in Region 10. Being in public service is both rewarding and challenging, particularly in times of scarce resources. This blog will allow us to share information, opinions, ideas and thoughts about management matters and public service in general. I invite you to join me (and other R10 managers) for an open dialogue because management matters to all of us! Sponsored by Ed Chu, Region 10 ARA



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## Water quality update

Posted on [May 28, 2014](#) by [echu](#)

This is an update to my previous messages regarding drinking water in the Park Place building.

Our lease requires Washington Holdings (the Lessor) to conduct testing of drinking water on each new floor and before we move into the new floor. The Lessor collects and tests samples from each restroom, drinking fountains, pantry sinks, and plumbed refrigerator including the incoming water and the ice maker. To date, the Lessor has sampled floors 1, 2, 16, 17, 20 and 21 (see summary below). All sample results have been posted to the [Drinking Water Quality](#) page of the Park Place Remodel website.

As it will be almost a full year before all Region 10 staff are moved into new space, I asked the Health and Safety Program in the Office of Environmental Assessment (OEA) to conduct testing of drinking water sources on all floors currently occupied by EPA staff – Mark Filippini is leading the effort for us.

This morning, R10 EPA staff collected samples from kitchen faucets, drinking fountains, and ice from the refrigerators located on floors 7 – 13 and floor 18. The samples will be analyzed for lead and copper by our colleagues at the Manchester lab. The results are expected in about three weeks and will be posted to the webpage.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about the drinking water on your floor you may consider using the new drinking fountains on floors 1, 2, and 20 as they contain secondary filters.

### Results to Date (by floor)

**Floor 1:** The bathroom sinks, water fountain, pantry sink and refrigerator in the PERC, and sinks in the dive operations room all tested below the drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) for lead of 15 ug/L. The shower in the dive operations room initially tested above the MCL, but upon further flushing and re-sampling, tested below the MCL.

**Floor 2:** The sinks in the locker rooms and water fountain in the fitness center all tested below the drinking water MCL.

**Floor 16:** The bathroom sinks and water fountain tested below the MCL. The pantry sink and refrigerator (located within the Grab n' Go café on the east side), and sink in the maternal wellness room, initially tested above the MCL, but upon further flushing and re-sampling, tested below the MCL. Various sinks and water sources for the Grab n' Go café were tested. All but one source, a snack bar beverage machine, tested below the MCL. The Grab n' Go café has not yet opened. This source

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**will be investigated, mitigated and re-sampled before it is operational.**

**Floor 17:** The bathroom sinks, water fountain, and pantry sink and refrigerator were all sampled and found to be below the MCL.

**Floor 20:** The bathroom sinks, drinking fountains, and pantry sink and refrigerator were all sampled and found to be below the MCL.

**Floor 21:** The bathroom sinks, drinking fountains, and pantry sink and refrigerator were all sampled and found to be below the MCL.

If you have questions please contact Mary Kay Voytilla or Mark Filippini.

**You can always find the latest information on the [Drinking Water Quality](#) page of the [Park Place Remodel](#) website.**

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2 THOUGHTS ON "WATER QUALITY UPDATE"



Kim Ogle

on [June 5, 2014 at 8:49 pm](#) said:

When I go to the "Drinking Water Page" the 18th floor is not listed yet I know it was sampled. Is this an omission or was the 18th floor not sampled? When will the results of the 18th floor be available?



Mary Kay Voytilla

on [June 5, 2014 at 11:12 pm](#) said:

Hi Kim. The 18th floor was sampled by the OEA sampling team on May 28. Mark Filippini's messages posted to the water quality webpage indicate that results should be available in about three weeks. We'll post the results once received. Thanks.

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